

ASHEVILLE’S 10-YEAR PLAN TIMELINE

1994 – Homeless Coalition formed

2004 – 10-Year Planning group forms

January 2005 – 10-Year Plan accepted by County, City of Asheville

February 2006 – Lead agency identified, staff member hired

2006 – Homeless Initiative Advisory Group formed.

2006 – First Annual Project Connect Event held at First Baptist Church

2007 – Project Connect and VA Stand Down formalize partnership, offer events on same day.

November 2007 – City of Asheville becomes Lead Agency

December 2007 – Homeless Persons’ Memorial Day

October 2008 – Asheville city council votes to make Homeless Advisory Group a commission of the city council.

NATIONAL HOMELESS TIMELINE

NATIONAL DATES : to learn more, cut and past this link into your web browser— <http://www.libraryindex.com/pages/2306/Federal-Government-Aid-Homeless-TIMELINE-GOVERNMENT-INVOLVEMENT.html>

1937—The United States Housing Act of 1937 established the Public Housing Administration (which was later merged into the Federal Housing Administration [FHA] and the Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD]) to create low-rent housing programs across the country through the establishment of local public housing agencies.

1940—The U.S. Census, reporting on the first comprehensive survey of the nation's housing stock, showed that 18% of housing units needed major repairs, 31% lacked running water, 44% had neither a bathtub nor a shower, and 35% lacked a flush toilet. The worst conditions gener-

1949—The Housing Act of 1949 stipulates the “realization as soon as feasible the goal of a decent home...for every American family.”

1965—Congress established the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Its goal was to dcreate a new rent suppliemnt program for low-income households in private housing.

1970’s—Deinstitutionalization of mental hospitals without outpatient psychiatric and social services supports increased homeless population.

1980’s—Federal Dollars were diverted away from housing and social services, further increasing the homeless population.

1986—seven million Americans participate in *Hands Across America* to raise awareness and money to address hunger and homelessness.

1987—McKinney-Vento Act in congress authorized millions of dollars for homeless programs.

1990—The National Affordable Housing Act renewed the federal government's commitment to home ownership, tenant-based assis-

tance, and subsidized housing. The Low-Income Housing Preservation and Residential Home Ownership Act demonstrated a federal commitment to permanent preservation of assisted low-income, multi-family housing; the act also repealed the rental rehabilitation grant and the rehabilitation loan program. A special homeless assistance component of the moderate rehabilitation program was re-

tained.